

## Nunes takes seat on Ways and Means

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, took his seat on the House Ways and Means Committee. He was selected to serve on the committee in January, but took a leave of absence.

Rep. Nunes fills the void left by Rep. Rob Portman (R-OH), who was confirmed by the Senate as the United States Trade Representative. The Republican steering committee, which makes committee assignments for members, made the ap-

pointment of Rep. Nunes.

"The Ways and Means Committee has the broadest jurisdiction of any in the House affecting issues important to the Central Valley. It is a great honor for me and a tremendous opportunity for my constituents to have a voice on this committee," Rep. Nunes said.

Ways and Means' jurisdiction covers issues regarding taxes, trade, health and Social Security, among others. Because of its broad

jurisdiction, most bills passed by other committees must also be reviewed by Ways and Means.

During his time in Congress, Rep. Nunes has focused his attention on issues regarding health, trade and taxes. This new committee assignment gives Rep. Nunes greater opportunity to pursue these issues as they relate to the Central Valley.

## Redwood student wins art competition for 21st District

Rep. Devin Nunes hosted an awards ceremony and reception May 9th for dozens of high school art students from throughout Fresno and Tulare counties who competed for the chance to have their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

Art students, their parents and high school art teachers were on hand for the awards ceremony as Heidi Steinman of Redwood High School took the top honor. The event also kicked off a weeklong exhibit of the pieces submitted.

Students submitted 35 pieces for the competition, which was judged by art experts from Fresno and Tulare counties. The judges ranked the top 10, including the selection of the first, second and third place winners.

Steinman's art work will be displayed at the capitol for a year along with winners from other Congressional Districts around the country. She also got round-trip airfare for three people to Washington, D.C. on Southwest Airlines to attend a rib-

bon-cutting ceremony June 14 to honor all the participants.

Andre Carolina of Tulare Western High School won second place. Kyle Lynes of Clovis East High School took third place.

Above: The winning entry by Heidi Steinman was entitled "Mission in Colombia."

Right: Congressman Devin Nunes presents the first place certificate to Steinman, a student at Redwood High School.



### Quick Facts

In May, Rep. Nunes helped 31 constituents overcome problems with government agencies.

For the year, the Congressman has directly solved cases for 184 constituents and is currently assisting 529 others.

Furthermore, since Rep. Nunes was elected to Congress he has directly solved cases for 1184 constituents.